

HON LOUISE PRATT

Personal Explanation - Travel Undertaken on Official Business

HON LOUISE PRATT (East Metropolitan) [6.00 pm] - by leave: Today the report on interstate and overseas travel undertaken by members of Parliament on official business was tabled. The report lists me as having taken a spouse to the Presiding Officers and Clerks conference and to the National Conference of Parliamentary Environment and Public Works Committees. I did not take a spouse with me to those conferences and the imprest application I submitted at the time did not request funding to take a spouse. I am unclear why the report lists me as having taken one. I may need to check that I was not inadvertently given any payments for a spouse. This issue was previously brought to my attention on 8 July when the Department of the Premier and Cabinet wrote to me seeking information regarding a question asked in the Legislative Assembly about spouse travel. I replied at that point that I had not taken a spouse and was told that the record had been corrected. The department clearly did not correct the record. I am therefore seeking to correct the record now.